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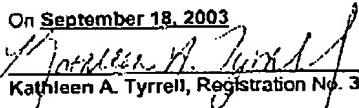
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setting a three (3) month statutory period for response. Please
enter the following remarks and amendments into the record.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of
claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4.